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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Mayor,  
CHARLES H. ISBELL.

For Solicitor,  
CHARLES C. BENNER.

For Justice of the Peace,  
JOHN B. VAUGHAN.

For Constable,  
ALBERT McMULLEN.

## COUNCIL

FIRST WARD,  
Jacob Bauer, long term.  
Howard W. Haupt, short term.

SECOND WARD,  
John L. Shunk, long term.  
Niel Hanson, short term.

THIRD WARD,  
Geo. Broad, long term.  
T. B. Callahan, short term.

FOURTH WARD,  
Wm. T. Sawyer, long term.  
Jos. Winum, short term.

FIFTH WARD,  
Julius Wilhelm, long term.  
Wm. Kauffman, short term.

SIXTH WARD,  
John W. Gaudier, long term.  
Eugene Coleman, short term.

SEVENTH WARD,  
Andrew Martin, long term.  
J. W. Walker, short term.

EIGHTH WARD,  
John Merz, long term.  
August Pliske, short term.

## SCHOOL BOARD.

FIRST WARD—Stephen P. Harzall.  
SECOND WARD—(No election necessary.)  
THIRD WARD—W. J. White, long term; W. P. Davis, short term.  
FOURTH WARD—Judge Chas. R. Grant, long term; Henry A. Kraft, short term.  
FIFTH WARD—William G. Bigdow.  
SIXTH WARD—Wm. Allen.  
SEVENTH WARD—Rev. Geo. Harter, long term; Amos J. White, short term.  
EIGHTH WARD—Jacob M. Gayer.

## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Mayor,

CHAS. H. ISBELL.

## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Mayor,

GEO. M. ANDERSON.

A THREAT THAT  
DOES NOT DISMAY.

What do the intelligent citizens of Akron think of the threat which Akron's Dictator is nightly publishing in his organ to the effect that if they do not elect the man of his choice for Mayor, the way to the reform of Akron's government will be hopelessly barred?

And what degree of sincerity does this bald threat lend to the Dictator's own belated professions of zeal for the reform of the municipal government in the event of the election of his candidate for the Mayoralty?

The Democrat knows of no occasion

in the history of our local government when a political boss has dared give a more shocking and insolent affront to the intelligence and the independence of our citizens.

The thing that is of most immediate concern to the taxpayers of Akron is not the amendment of the form of the city's government.

It is the immediate reform of the administration of the city's affairs as forced upon our unwilling and helpless people for the last two years that is the solicitude of every citizen and voter who has the best interests of his city at heart.

Reform of the city's government will come, in due season, but at the very least no change can be effected by the Legislature within a year.

But if the citizens of Akron are interested enough and are strong enough to elect Mr. Isbell, against the combined effort of the privilege seeking opposition, then a healthy reform in the administration of the city's affairs by the Board of Commissioners will be instituted immediately after the election.

The second terms of two of the members of the present Board will then have expired, and in the face of a defeat for his machine at the polls Judge Anderson will not dare try to maintain his proxies in office for a third term.

The threat which is being repeated night after night that the Czar will take this high-handed and unpopular course if the people do not elect the man who will be "satisfactory" to him, imports so abject a surrender to boss domination that it surprises us that even the Beacon should have the stupidity to give it publicity.

It was Gen. Dick who remarked to an Akron neighbor not long ago that if he were a City Commissioner he would not be controlled as they have been controlled, and that if he were Judge Anderson he would not do as the Judge is doing.

Perhaps this sentiment of Gen. Dick indicates that there are hundreds of others of his party of the same way of thinking, and that after all the Dobson paper does not voice the true party sentiment when it enters up default judgment upon the presumptuous claim asserted by Judge Anderson to the control of the entire executive branch of the city government as well as the local machinery of his party.

We hope so.

## A NEEDED "OBJECT LESSON."

Four years ago both the Republican and Democratic conventions of Summit county adopted resolutions declaring for the amendment of the form of Akron's government.

In the legislative session which followed, lobbyists for the continuation of the Commissioner form of government succeeded in preventing any modification of the law by setting the advocates of the reform working at cross purposes.

The reform of our government was defeated in much the same manner two years ago.

And the fact is that all efforts at reform along this line will be defeated, as has been so well said by Councilman Flebeger, until the citizens of Akron show to the politicians who are preventing the amendment that no party which assumes responsibility for the unpopular acts of the Board of City Commissioners can win a victory in local elections.

The faction that has claimed the credit for controlling the late Republican primaries, is the same that is responsible for and has enjoyed the benefits resulting from the control of the Board of City Commissioners. And by influencing the election week after next this faction hopes to continue and extend its control of the Executive department of the city.

All the acts of Judge Anderson, the acknowledged head of the faction just named, both before and after the primaries, and his conduct in the present campaign, indicate that if the Republican ticket is endorsed at the polls, he will be the real Mayor of the city, just as for the last three years he has assumed to be and has been the power which controlled the Board of Commissioners.

For the purpose of influencing the votes of Republican citizens who are opposed to the Anderson plan of Proxy government, strenuous efforts are being made to deny the force of the evi-

## Assisted in the Discovery of America

DOCUMENTARY PROOF



FERDINAND AND ISABELLA.

Senora Blanca, Countess de Oves, is a Spanish lady of title. One of her ancestors, Count Remiro de Oves, gave two thousand pesetas (then a large sum of money) toward the equipment of the fleet in which Columbus sailed, and the Countess has now in her possession a parchment signed by Ferdinand and Isabella, thanking Count Remiro for his gift.

The family of the Countess has for generations been near the throne of Spain, and one of her family (Count Louis de Oves) signed with John Quincy Adams when Florida was ceded to the United States by treaty in 1819.

It will thus be seen that a word from a lady such as is the Countess Blanca must carry great weight. Under date of January 11, 1901, her ladyship wrote Messrs. Warner's Safe Co. from 406 Pennsylvania Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., as follows: "The past summer while completing manuscript for a book, being somewhat overworked, coupled with the intense heat, my nervous system became seriously affected, causing restless nights and loss of appetite. At this critical juncture four bottles of Warner's Safe Cure, taken conscientiously, completely restored me to health, and I feel it due you to thus express gratification and thanks."

"SEÑORA BLANCA, LA CONDESA DE OVES."

dence that Akron's dictator is the real candidate who aspires to the Mayoralty, but that these disclaimers are deceiving to Republicans of discernment is indicated on every hand by the indifference of rank and file and even of many of the leaders, to the result of the election.

Republican leaders who are sincere in their professions of zeal for the reform of Akron's government are going to permit their party to have an object lesson at the spring election.

This will be of no permanent disadvantage to the party, while upon the other hand it will enable it to get rid of the barnacles which have jeopardized the success of the party ticket in every local election for the past three years. And at the same time it will clear the way for real municipal reform, which otherwise would be clogged by the opposition of the present beneficiaries of the perversion of our local administration.

## CITIZENS, BE INDEPENDENT.

No party lash should have the power to drive the Republican voters of Akron to the endorsement of a condition of affairs which a review of three years of the Proxy system reveals. A treasury that is \$30,000 overdrawn within less than a month after an entire half year's tax apportionment had been paid into it by the people; the granting of paving and other contracts to the highest bidder; the breaking of police and other regulations to permit a political boss to get his favorites into the public service; the increasing of salaries of city officials; the creation of upward of thirty or forty new offices to make room for the political creditors of Judge Anderson; the squandering of the money raised for the improvement of the fire service; and the purchase of unnecessary and costly equipment are only a few of the burdens which have been put upon the people by the Proxy system. No wonder that Treasurer Homer Berger says the only way for Akron's people to get out of debt is to increase the tax levy. But before the people go to the Legislature to ask for an increase of the tax levy they will try the expedient of doing away with the Proxy system of managing the city's affairs.

Last winter, after the people had repeatedly voted down propositions to improve the fire service, the Legislature authorized the City Commissioners to bond the city for \$67,000 for fire purposes. The Commissioners at that time promised that this amount would be sufficient to build and equip four fire stations. The Board has constructed one fire station, partly finished another, both are without equipment, and yet only \$6,000 of the original \$67,000 remains on hand with which to purchase equipment and build the two other stations. The people of South and North Akron will have to whistle for all the increased fire protection they get within the next few years unless another issue of bonds is authorized by the City Commissioners. Mr. Isbell called attention to this matter in his address to local citizens last evening, and it was only one of many interesting disclosures which taxpayers ought to know concerning the effects of the

Proxy system. Read what Mr. Isbell had to say.

Every Akron voter should read the remarks which were made by local citizens at the meeting at local Democratic headquarters last evening. The language in which some of the speakers resented the insult offered to the Democratic citizens of Akron by Solicitor Esgate, who is now seeking their votes to aid him to a second term, was firm and vigorous, but temperate, and will doubtless make Mr. Esgate feel ashamed that he uttered such sentiments as were imputed to him by his party's organ. Mr. Isbell, the Democratic nominee for Mayor, called attention to some irregularities in the administration of the City's affairs by the Commissioners that will be a revelation to the taxpayers.

The \$67,000 which the Legislature authorized the City Commissioners to spend for fire department improvement purposes has melted away like ice in an August sun. And the work which the \$67,000 was expected to perform has not been half finished. No wonder the citizens of Akron are averse to further bond issues to provide money for the City Commissioners to spend. The Beacon says the way to put the brakes upon the extravagance of the City Commissioners is to elect Judge Anderson Mayor!

Mr. Isbell's three years of opposition to the City Commissioners' administration of the affairs of the city is proving to be a great deal more convincing to the people than are the words which have been put into the mouth of a rival candidate for the Mayoralty in the eleventh hour of the campaign by the political boss who is interested in securing an endorsement of his Proxy system. Three years of action count for more than a week of campaign profession.

The Proxy system is a great deal more unpopular now than it was two years ago. This is one reason why Akron's Dictator will not be able to prevent the appointment of new City Commissioners when the people elect Mr. Isbell to the Mayoralty ten days hence.

While Akron has a Republican Probate Judge the interests of the city demand the election of a Democratic Mayor.

## BUILDING.

The Season Is About to Begin.

Several Permits Issued the Past Week.

Pleasant weather the past few days has started the building season. Permits have recently been issued as follows:

J. A. Brown, house, North Howard street.  
K. Howard, house, Harvard st.  
Frank Metzler, addition, Burges st.  
Daniel Bowers, addition, James st.  
D. J. Mottimer, addition, Nash st.  
C. E. Boles, frame building, Lock.  
Martha Linnic, house, Arch and Upson sts.  
John Boyle, house, Jewett st.

Watch the Democrat for Rebusers.

## WISE and

Otherwise.

Equinoctial storm arrived on schedule time.

Small boys who are collecting cigar boxes would do well to cultivate the friendship of the candidates.

C. F. B., H. M. H., L. S. P., S. D. K. None of them rhyme and therefore, according to "The Book of Signs," "The Correct Letter Writer," "Joe Miller's Joke Book," and other authorities there is no luck in store for any of them.

"Good thing that Gen. Dick gave up his trip to Hot Springs."

"How So?"

"Listen to the newspaper telegram: 'Hot Springs, March 20.—The well known eastern plunger, 'Pittsburg Phil,' Geo. E. Smith, left here yesterday for West Baden in company with John O'Neil of Chicago. The rooms have all contributed to Smith's bank roll lately. Conservative estimates place his winnings at upward of \$30,000.'

A Lake correspondent told in Wednesday's Democrat about a Hartsville boy who summoned a veterinary surgeon to attend his father, supposing him to be a physician. The horse doctor went with the boy in the mistaken belief that a horse had been hurt. But the correspondent omitted part of the story. Upon arriving at the home of the sick man the veterinary surgeon inquired:

"Has he been hung up yet?"

"No, I guess not."

"Have you got some good, strong ropes?"

"Yep."

"Well, trot 'em out and get a neighbor to help us."

"What for?"

"Why, do you suppose one man can lift the beast up?"

"Ma can do that."

"Well, who will hold his nose?"

"What do you want his nose held for?"

"Why to keep him from kicking and thrashing around. I don't intend to be killed."

"What in thunder are you talking about, Mister?"

"About the horse; now don't get gay, boy."

"Get gay? Why there ain't no horse hurt; it's dead."

If City Solicitor Esgate's vision was as cross-eyed as his speech he would be in a bad way. To say one thing and mean another is almost as bad as to look one way and be seeing in another.

Maybe, after all, Spring is wise not to come too soon. The millinery displays and Easter bonnets would make the advance specimens of violets and dandelions look like 13 cents.

The Curb-stone Philosopher remarked Wednesday night: "You can't call a town bad, because there are a few bad people in it. An apple may have a few specks of dirt on it, and yet be good and pleasant to the taste."

Here's a venerable joke about whose age there is great dispute. "Didn't they play cards, thousands of years ago, according to Biblical history? If not, why the statement, 'Neb-uchadnezzar?' Some authorities claim the joke is more than 3,000 years old."

Now that it has been announced that work on the German-American Music Hall will begin in May, the incredulous enthusiasm-dampeners will be glad when the hall is completed to sneak up into the peanut gallery, and be afraid to applaud for fear of attracting the gaze of somebody.

The heartless scamp who is circulating the report that Probationists, by reason of its being impracticable and impossible, morally, for them to distribute beer and cigars to the heeled, will pass around peanuts and popcorn on election day, is a disgrace to the community.

Until within a few days ago, Tommy was the undisputed monarch of all he surveyed in his South Akron home. He whooped and yelled, tramped on the cat's tail, pulled his sister's hair, mixed his brother's pipe tobacco with

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cayenne pepper and generally disported himself in a reckless and triumphant manner. Now it is different. Tommy may be found either under the bed or in the clothes press, fearful of making any noise or talking above a whisper lest his hiding place may be discovered. And it's all on account of his little cousin, Willie, who is visiting at Tommy's home. Willie entered upon the pleasures of his visit by eating a bounteous and palatable dinner. Then he investigated into the hilarity of Tommy. As the result of the investigation, he sailed into Tommy and in a few minutes had him singing out for pie, and every other known comfort and relief. Poor Tommy was dethroned rapidly, and without dignified ceremony. His sceptre was wrested away from him, and is now being used by Willie. Tommy has to be escorted to the table by a guard, and afterwards, by instinct he loses no time in finding a hiding place. He may recover courage enough to squint around a corner of the room to watch Willie ride his hobby-horse, pound his drum, and draw pictures in his new book of fairy tales, but at a moment's alarm he is off for shelter. Now Tommy earnestly hopes that Willie's visit may not be prolonged; and he becomes furtive when his mamma insists that Willie remain a month. She believes that under these circumstances Tommy will soon become a quieter boy.

## Cheap Insurance.

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## WIFE

Would Not Speak to Husband.

Oliver Swift Bound Over to the Grand Jury.

Oliver Swift, charged with shooting with intent to kill his brother-in-law, Oscar Steffee, waived examination in Police Court Thursday and was bound over to the grand jury. He failed to secure \$1000 bail.

Swift's wife accompanied by her sister,

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Mrs. Steffee, called at the City Building, Thursday morning. Swift wished to talk to her, but she refused to recognize him.

Mr. J. W. Patterson, night police at Nashua, Ia., says: "In January I had a very bad cold on my lungs, and used half dozen different cough medicines and prescriptions from two doctors, but grew worse all the time. I finally bought a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and after using two-thirds of it, I was entirely cured."

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